



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
FLORENCE DIVISION

RODNEY CANNADY,	§	
Petitioner,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:15-02301-MGL
	§	
M. TRAVIS BRAGG, Warden,	§	
Respondent.	§	

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ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
AND DISMISSING THE PETITION WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
AND WITHOUT REQUIRING RESPONDENT TO FILE A RETURN

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This case was filed as a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 action. Petitioner is proceeding pro se. The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge suggesting that the Petition be dismissed without prejudice and without requiring Respondent to file a return. The Report was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on October 30, 2015, and the Clerk of Court entered Petitioner's objections to the Report on November 18, 2015. The Court has reviewed the objections, but finds them to be without merit. Therefore, it will enter judgment accordingly.

In Petitioner's objections, he makes no specific objections to the Report. Instead, he generally reiterates claims that the Magistrate Judge has already considered and rejected. In particular, Petitioner claims that *United States v. Simmons*, 649 F.3d 237 (4th Cir. 2011), decriminalized the conduct for which Petitioner was convicted in federal court. Because the Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's treatment of this issue, it need not discuss it further here. Therefore, it will overrule Petitioner's objections.

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court overrules Petitioner's objections, adopts the Report, and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of this Court that the Petition is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** and without requiring Respondent to file a return.

To the extent that Petitioner requests a certificate of appealability from this Court, that certificate is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 20th day of November, 2015, in Columbia, South Carolina.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis  
MARY GEIGER LEWIS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this Order within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.